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TO : Chief, EE  
Attn: Chief, SE  
FROM : Chief of Base, Munich  
SUBJECT: GENERAL— [I] [C] [ ]  
SPECIFIC— Hans HERRSCHAFT

DATE: 22 August 1956

INFO: COS, [ ]  
COS, Germany  
COS, [ ]  
POB

Reference: A. EEA-22038, 10 July 1956  
B. ESEA-4894, 26 July 1956

Headquarters Action Required: None; for information and files.

1. The following information was provided by [ ] on a contact made by Hans HERRSCHAFT with Emmerich STOFFEL, Charge d'Affaires at the Rumanian Legation in Bern:

a. Sometime during the week of 3-9 June 1956, Hans HERRSCHAFT went to Bern to see the Rumanian Charge d'Affaires, Emmerich STOFFEL. His object was to obtain from the latter, a Swabian from the Banat, a (letter of) recommendation for the SORICE firm in Frankfurt in order to enable him to do business with this firm. Subject did not provide [ ] any information concerning the nature of his business.

b. According to Subject, the interview allegedly took place in the following manner: Without having written or telephoned in advance, he went to Bern, Schlosslistrasse 7, and requested permission at the Rumanian Legation Chancellery to see Emmerich STOFFEL. Following a five minute wait and after having provided his identity, Subject was led by a certain (fnu) ALEXIU into the Charge's office. The latter received HERRSCHAFT very courteously and asked,

"You are from Gutttenbrunn?"

"Yes, but how do you know?"

"Through Mr. (fnu) GELTZ and through the refugee press. Do you wish to repatriate?"

"No, Mr. Minister. I have a situation in Germany and I am not thinking about repatriating. The object of my visit is of another character." (Subject then explained, half in German, half in Rumanian, the reasons for his arrival in Bern.)

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c. (In German) STOFFEL said, "You have come to the right place, for our commercial branch office in Frankfurt depends on me. We wish to activate our trade with the German Federal Republic and we need a lot of collaborators. We are thinking, first of all, about Germans, natives of Rumania, for they are more familiar with the particular circumstances of our country. We are thinking about using them with no discrimination of a political or social nature. I know your family in Rumania; it has accustomed itself to the new state of things, and I shall willingly recommend you to our friends in Frankfurt/Main."

d. After stating this, STOFFEL called in a certain Dr. BOGDAN, with whom Subject discussed in detail the nature of the commercial affairs which he wished to handle with the Frankfurt branch. Before leaving, STOFFEL suggested to HERRSCHAFT that the latter visit him any time he wished.

e. On his return from Bern, Subject went to the branch office (SORICE) in Frankfurt. There he learned that STOFFEL had indeed intervened on his behalf, for the presumed chief of the firm, a certain IONESCU, was very courteous with him. Subject received from the latter assurance that he would be included on the list of those to whom orders would be passed first of all.

2. [ ] provided the following background data on Subject: Hans HERRSCHAFT, agriculturist by profession, native of Guttentbrunn, region of ARAD, Rumania, currently a business representative of the firm LIBRO-EXPORT. His mother's cousin is none other than Filip GHELTZ, also a Swabian, member of the Central Committee of the Rumanian Communist Party. GHELTZ was recently appointed a Minister in the Bucharest Government.

3. [ ] is only a casual acquaintance of Subject. We feel that this might be a lead worth exploiting and will press him to obtain additional details on HERRSCHAFT. A separate dispatch requesting traces on Subject and his cousin, Filip GHELTZ, and containing any MOB-FOB traces, will be forwarded.

4. [ ] Please note that, as in reference A, STOFFEL once again expressed himself in German. We are uncertain as to how well HERRSCHAFT speaks Rumanian; however, if he speaks the language fluently, we also wonder at STOFFEL's choice of language. This may be worth looking into.

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